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SUBJECT: DEFMIN BARD VISIT: NWC NEGOTIATIONS

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FOR AMBASSADOR GREEN FROM SNEIDER

1. OCTOBER 8-9 DATES, MENTIONED REFTEL, PROVIDE SOME DIFFICULTY HERE -- INCLUDING COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY AND OTHER DOD ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR SAME GENERAL PERIOD. WE WILL CONTINUE WORKING ON ALTERNATIVES, BUT WISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM YOU.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRESENT THINKING IN GOA IS THAT PRITCHETT ARRIVE IN US A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO BARNARD TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF NWC AGREEMENTS. BEFORE WE SET UP ANY SCHEDULE FOR BARNARD VISIT, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO FEEL ASSURED THAT NO MAJOR BARRIER TO AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO ARISE DURING PRITCHETT DISCUSSIONS. WE HAVE SOME CONCERN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ISSUE OF GOA ACCESS TO US

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TRAFFIC THROUGH NWC MAY NOT BE SO EASY TO RESOLVE IN

AGREED TEXT AS SOME IN GOA HOPE.

3. WE WOULD NOT WANT BARNARD SCHEDULED TO COME UNTIL WE
FEEL "SUCCESS" OF TALKS REASONABLY ASSURED. LET US KNOW
YOUR VIEWS ON HOW MUCH TIME YOU FEEL WE NEED ALLOT FOR

PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRITCHETT. FOR SCHEDULING
PLEASE ALSO ADVISE WHEN WHITLAM EXPECTED TO BE ABROAD
AND BARNARD REQUIRED REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA AS ACTING
PRIME MINISTER. ROGERS

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